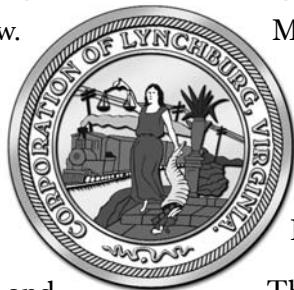




You Are Cordially Invited...

On Monday, February 12, Mayor Joan F. Foster and Vice Mayor Bert Dodson, Jr. will deliver the State of the City Address. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 900 Church Street. A reception will follow. You are cordially invited to attend. The event will also be aired live on Cable Channel 7.

The State of the City Address provides the Mayor and Vice Mayor an opportunity to bring together the citizens of Lynchburg, and talk with them about the accomplishments, challenges, and events of the past year and the issues that will shape the City's future.



In addition to the State of the City Address, the Mayor and Vice Mayor will recognize nine individuals with the Mayor's Community Service Award of Excellence. This year's recipients include George A. Costan, MaryJane Dolan, Larry Holloway, Hiawatha Johnson, Jr., Julia Passmore, Patricia Price, Eugene Tweedy, Yuille "Skipper" Holt, III, Dr. D.L. "Pete" Warren.

The Vice Mayor's Young Adult Award will be given to two young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 that have demonstrated leadership and service to the community. This year's award winners are Stephanie Cox and Laura Lacy Hamilton.

Snakes, Turtles, and Frogs... Oh My!

Touch a turtle... feed a toad... hold a snake... or just take in the "wild" sights of *The Nature Zone* (825 Kemper Street, lower level of the Kemper Street Station)! There is a world of fun and excitement for all ages! Spark your imagination by building a tower made from natural wood blocks, challenge your brain with an animal puzzle, or sit down with a good interactive nature storybook in our Discovery Zone corner! Delve into the mysteries of nature using all of your senses at the Exploration Station, home of the famous "Mystery Boxes!" Or, leisurely browse our extensive collection of animal mounts, featuring local birds, snakes, insects, and a few exotic visitors!

Of course, no visit to *The Nature Zone* would be complete without meeting some of the fascinating live education animals that make their homes here, including a variety of local and exotic snakes, turtles, frogs, and mammals! Have questions about local wildlife? Our friendly and

THE NATURE ZONE

knowledgeable naturalist staff is happy to help you. Looking for a unique gift for that certain someone?

Check out the t-shirts, books, and "critters" in our gift shop! When you visit, make sure to check out the Kemper Street extension of the Blackwater Creek bikeway, located right next to *The Nature Zone*... it's your connection to the most beautiful trail system in Central Virginia! *The Nature Zone* is open Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Call 455-5828 for additional hours.

Attention Parents!

Looking for a "wild" birthday experience for your little explorer? Then search no further than... *The Nature Zone's* Birthday Safari! Your child's special day will include: exploring the nature center, joining in a live animal program, playing animal games, enjoying birthday cake, and bringing home a goody bag (one for each "party animal")... all for just \$75.00! Limit 12 people total. Call *The Nature Zone* for more details at 455-5828.

Program Schedule:

- Income Tax Assistance for Senior Adults** (Mon., Wed., Sat., 2/3 - 4/16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
AARP/IRS trained volunteers will provide income tax assistance for senior adults at the Templeton Senior Center. Bring pertinent papers, forms, and photo I.D. NOTE: No assistance on Mon., 2/19.
- Maple Sugar Madness at Camp Kum-Ba-Yah** (Sat., 2/24, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
Learn how to identify a maple tree, tap it, and turn the sap into delicious maple syrup during this fun, family afternoon. Discover the sweet history of sugaring and even taste some pure maple syrup on pancakes cooked over an open fire... Yum! Camp Kum-Ba-Yah is located at 4415 Boonsboro Rd. Register by 2/17. \$5.00 per family of four; \$1.00 per each additional participant.
- Brownie Scout Try-It "Birds"** (Wed., 2/28, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)
Brownies can earn this Try-It and build their very own birdhouses to take home! Register by 2/14. \$7.50 per Scout, cost includes materials and Try-It.
- Cadette Girl Scout Interest Patch "Discovering Women"** (Wed., 2/28, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
Cadettes will discover historical women with unique, super-cool careers! Register by 2/21. \$7.00 per Cadette, cost includes Interest Patch.



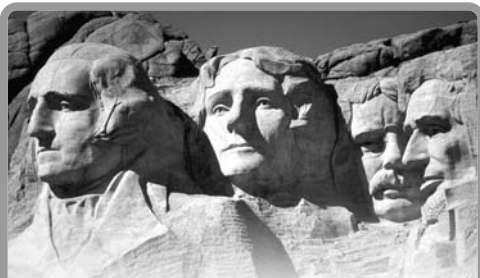
The OSCARS Ball

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

FOREST RECREATION CENTER
1088 Rustic Village Road
Forest, VA 24551

Adults of all ages are welcome. Dance, movie, and music lovers—this evening is for you! Dress for the red carpet (optional) and join celebrity DJ, Sandi Conner, as she spins your favorite requested old and new dance hits at this movie-themed event. Enjoy shag and ballroom dance contests, door prizes, and refreshments. All inclusive with ticket purchase. Sponsored by Lynchburg and Bedford County Parks & Recreation. For more information, call 455-4000.

TICKET INFORMATION: On sale now at Miller Center Main Office, 301 Grove Street, all Senior Centers, and Tom Jones Drug. \$7 Advance/\$10 Door.



Lynchburg Municipal Offices will be CLOSED Monday, February 19 in observance of PRESIDENT'S DAY

Trash collection will follow the normal schedule. The Landfill will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Citizens First at 856-CITY (2489) for more information.

City Making Changes in Utility Billing



In an effort to reduce costs and improve timely communication on delinquent accounts, the City of Lynchburg Billing and Collections Department, Utility Billing division has made a change in its billing process. The change will only effect those water utility customers with a past due balance.

Currently the division sends a total of three notices to customers with a past due balance. After the third notice, if the past due amount is not paid, the water service is disconnected for nonpayment. The third notice or disconnect notice is yellow as an additional reminder to the customer that their account is past due.

Beginning in February, the Utility Billing Division will no longer send the third notice to past due customers. The division will adopt similar billing procedures as other utility providers. Water utility customers with past due balances will receive notice of disconnect for non-payment on their monthly utility bill printed on a yellow form. The disconnect message, including the past due amount and the last date for payment to be received by the City, will be in bold print. Any customer account not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the payment due date will be charged an additional \$25.00 service fee and a security deposit.

It is expected that this change in billing will result in an approximate cost savings of \$15,000 in printing and postage. According to Billings and Collections Manager Lynn Watson, "This change places the City's utility billing practice more in line with the practices of other utility providers without compromising customer services. The new billing method will effect only those customers with past due balances, and those accounts will still receive notice before services are disconnected."

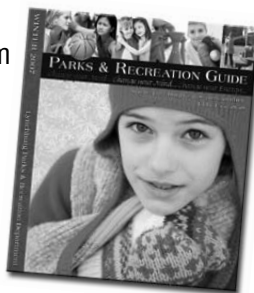
Humane Society Shuttle

The Lynchburg Humane Society is now offering a free weekly shuttle to the South Central Spay/Neuter Clinic for area residents to transport their dogs and cats that need spay/neuter services. Spay/neuter services range in price from \$35 to \$65. For more information, call 846-1438 or e-mail cindy@lynchburghumanesociety.org.

Winter Recreation Guide Now Available!

The Winter Recreation Guide from Parks and Recreation is now available at City Hall or the Recreation Office. You can also view the entire publication online at

www.lyncburgva.gov. Let Lynchburg Parks and Recreation help you "Change Your Mood, Change Your Mind, and Change Your Energy" in 2007!



Trolley Rentals Available



GLTC is once again able to offer the trolley for rent to the general public under certain conditions. Please check the website at GLTConline.com or call 455-5083 for more information.

Sheriff Gillispie Accepts Appointment

Sheriff Ronald L. Gillispie, Lynchburg Sheriff's Office has been appointed Virginia State Coordinator for Project Lifesaver International. The Virginia State Coordinator assists Project Lifesaver International by providing trainers for new Virginia agencies desiring to implement the Project Lifesaver program in their communities. Certified training from a public safety agency, such as the Sheriff's Office, enhances the program's effectiveness.



The selection of State Coordinator is the highest recognition and endorsement that Project Lifesaver International can bestow on a member agency.

Want to be a Weather Spotter?



A weather spotter or SKYWARN is a nationwide network of volunteer severe weather spotters. The program is an effort to save lives and property during severe or significant weather emergencies. All you need to do to become a member of the SKYWARN volunteer network is to attend SKYWARN spotter training.

A SKYWARN class is scheduled for the evening of April 5 at 6:30 p.m., Fire Department's Administration Building, Training Room. The class is open to anyone wishing to learn more about severe weather and what weather characteristics to observe in helping determine its severity. Contact Les Puckett, Emergency Management Coordinator at 455-6347.

SKYWARN spotters are an integral part of the detection and warning process and assist the National Weather Service by providing information on what storms are actually doing (trees blown down, a tornado moving through the countryside, flood waters washing out a bridge or a dangerous glaze of ice on roads and wires).

SKYWARN spotters are trained at spotting tornadoes, funnel clouds, and severe thunderstorms. They are informed on how to report hail, strong winds, heavy rain, floods, and heavy snow. Forecasters at the National Weather Service combine information from spotters with that from radar, satellite, lightning detection equipment, and other tools to provide timely and accurate statements and warnings. SKYWARN volunteers include law enforcement personnel, emergency managers, amateur radio operators, and the general public.

Reassessment Notices

The City Assessor's Office is completing the City's 2007 Real Estate Reassessment. Reassessment Notices for properties that have changed in assessed value, since the last reassessment, will be mailed in mid-March.

A 411 Informational Meeting "Workforce Trends" A Call to Action

Wednesday, February 20
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lynchburg Public Library
Community Room
2315 Memorial Avenue
(Continental Breakfast Provided)

Guest Speaker:

Shirley T. Deen
President

Human Resources Trainers & Consultants
Founder & Executive Director of Blue Kiwi

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